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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1638

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For: **Vectors, Transformed Cells and
Transgenic Plants Comprising a
Steroid Reductase DNA (As
Amended)**

Confirmation No.: 6162

Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Final Office Action be extended three months from May 26, 2003 to August 26, 2003 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The appropriate fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$930.00 for a three month extension of time for a large entity. Applicants request that this fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387. Further, if additional extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16518.119.

Respectfully submitted,



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